

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
April 26, 2002  
1647 E. Morten, Training Room**

**Members Present:** Dr. Michel Sucher (Chairman), Mark Stroh, Dr. Kay Lewis, Jan Hauk, Roy Ryals, Scott Butler, Dr. Peter Vann, Marilyn Price, Gitti Silven, Therese Williamson (Dunn), Taylor Payson, Mark Venuti, Bob Ramsey, J. Marty Dernier, Nancy Shaver, Ed Neville, Dr. Robert Vavrick, Richard Thacher, Charlie Smith, and Dr. Michael Ward.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Richard Carmona, David Cheney, Pat Andrews, Patty Seneski, Jerry Stein, and Dave Samuels.

**Guests Present:** Rose Conner, Holly Gibeaut, Jill Bonin, Jim Roeder, Dr. John Gallagher, Kevin Keeley, Brian Smith, Jim Morgan, Linda Worthy, Dr. Toni Brophy, Jim Koile, and Barbara Glickman-Williams.

**BEMS Staff Present:** Betty Yunick, Robin Clark, Victor Dominguez, Donna Meyer, Susan Nicolas, Howard Schwartz, Charles Kramer, Dr. Judi Crume, Larry Heidenberg, Peggy Lahren, Pennie Klein, Ralph Graves, and Dona Marie Markley.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman, Dr. Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the minutes of January 25, 2002 and the amended agenda for April 26, 2002.

Motion carried.

**III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health Services, addressed the Council.

- 2003 budget to date has not been developed and passed by the legislature
- EMS operating is not general fund monies
- 1201 money has been disbursed for both A&B
- Tobacco tax initiative currently being sponsored is by Cancer Heart and Lung
- A new competing initiative that is similar to the initiative for tobacco tax increase would put some of the money into funding trauma centers
- The ADHS Division of Public Health Services is involved with two grants right now: the HRSA grant for Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness and the CDC grant for the state Bioterrorism Preparedness
- Arizona was the only state in the United States that had an accepted complete HRSA grant on time

#### IV. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dr. Sucher introduced three new members that have been appointed by the governor to the committee:

- Gary Bradbury in the “Representative From Local Emergency Medical Services Coordinating System – Central Region” category.
- Taylor Payson in the “Representative From Local Emergency Medical Services Coordinating System – Southeastern Region” category.
- Jerry Stein in the “Lay Member – Western Region” category.

#### V. **INTRODUCTION OF BEMS STAFF**

Dr. Sucher introduced the members of the BEMS staff to the committee.

#### VI. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

##### **A. Letter of Congratulations to Dr. Carmona Regarding Nomination as a Surgeon General –**

A motion was made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Ed Neville that the Bureau send Dr. Carmona a letter of congratulations and support for his appointment as Surgeon General.

**Motion carried.**

##### **B. Membership Update –** Dr. McLaughlin has resigned and we have received a letter from SAEMS nominating Dr. Dan Spaite for his position. The category of “Representative of the Largest Employer of Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics” is in the process of being filled by Rick Bartee. The vacancies of the three advisory committees have been placed on the BEMS website.

##### **C. Budget Committee Chair –** Wes Powell has resigned from the Budget Committee. According to the bylaws the Medical Director appoints the Budget Chair and Dr. Sucher has asked Bob Ramsey to assume that role and he has accepted.

##### **D. Vice-Chair EMS Council Selection**

A motion was made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Dr. Kay Lewis to appoint Dr. Vavrick to the Vice-Chair position of the EMS Council.

**Motion carried.**

##### **E. Vote for One Additional EMS Council Member to serve as a member of the EMS Council Executive Committee –**

Dr. Kay Lewis nominated Taylor Payson and Bob Ramsey nominated Jan Hauk. A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Mark Venuti to close the nominations.

**Motion carried.**

Each member of the committee voted for a person to fill the position of the EMS Council Executive Committee. The votes were taken out of the room and counted. The majority of the ballots were cast for Taylor Payson.

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Mark Venuti to accept Taylor Payson to serve as a member of the EMS Council Executive Committee and to destroy the ballots.

**Motion carried.**

- G. Change Date of Next Meeting** – A vote was taken on whether or not to change the meeting date. The result was most people wanted to leave the meeting on the same date of June 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting date was not changed and will be held on June 21, 2002.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Education Committee –**

1. Training Program Application/Documentation
2. “Administration of Medication by ALS Candidates”
3. Status of Rules Change (August) 1999 Competency Based BLS Training vs. Hours
4. Transcutaneous Pacing and Infusion
5. Hazmat Medic Curriculum Compared with New Paramedic Curriculum

A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Bob Ramsey that EMS Council approve the recommendations made by Education Committee in the “ADHS/BEMS Education Committee February 22, 2002 Summary of Activity Report” (attached) and submit them to the Department for review and possible acceptance. **Motion carried.**

There was clarification on the procedure that follows up on the items that are approved by this and other committees. The Bureau reviews the item and decides how to move forward with the appropriate action. If exempt rulemaking is indicated, then the item goes to the Rules Analyst for drafting.

### **B. Rules Committee** – The Rules Committee did not meet.

### **C. Budget Committee** – The Budget Committee did not meet.

### **D. Executive Committee** – The Executive Committee met on February 22, 2002 to review the Bylaws. The bylaws were not reviewed due to the incomplete membership complement. There was a plan created to fill the vacant positions on the committee and reschedule for May 17, 2002.

## **VIII. RULES STATUS REPORT**

- A. Prioritization Listing – Hazmat** – The Director asked that the Rules Committee to prioritize Hazmat issues after this process was completed. The Rules Committee and EMS Council approved moving forward with Hazmat Rulemaking to provide specific training. The Bureau brought together experts to gather attention information. The Bureau took that to the Director for her approval and then to the rulemaking process. The public comments are due by May 6, 2002. The comments will be compiled and the Bureau and/or the Director’s office will review that and make a determination of what the final rules say. A letter stating what the department has adopted will be sent to EMS Council, MDC, and those individuals that participated to let them know what the department has adopted and the anticipated effective date. Once it is effective another process is done to notify the members of the EMS community.

- B. Process for Addition of Specific Drugs to ALS Drug Box** – The Bureau will continue the process of exempt rulemaking with the drug boxes to make sure that this will be an adequate substitute. Changes to the drug profile will be discussed at MDC this afternoon.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Curriculum for EMT-Basics to Carry and Administer ASA** – A motion was made by Dr. Kay Lewis, seconded by Dr. Robert Vavrck that EMS Council approve EMT-Basics be allowed to carry and administer aspirin for patients with chest pain.  
**Motion carried.**
- B. Waivers Through the Director to Address Drug Shortages and Comparable Substitutes** – Due to a defined shortage of two drugs, the Bureau sent the Director a waiver to substitute Midazolam (Versed) in place of Diazepam and another waiver substituting Bumetanide in place of Furosemide. These are on the website.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Air Ambulance Independent Work Group (IWG) Draft Rules** – This draft package will be part of the comment package. The Rules Analyst will establish the foundation document. Not every word of this draft will actually be in the final package. This document is considered a primary reference document. The minutes from the work group will be available.

**Follow Up: Mark Venuti will give Dona Markley disk**  
**When: ASAP**

- B. Hospital Diversion** – CMS has picked Phoenix to be the major focus for HCFA. Distribute hand out of Emergency Department Overload to the EMS Council before the next EMS Council Executive Committee. Any information you have that would be useful to help solve this problem please send to the Bureau.

**Follow Up: EMS Council Executive Committee**  
**When: Next Meeting – May 17, 2002**  
**What: Hospital Diversion**

**XI. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

- The Department determined that the state will be the lead agency in the EMS/Trauma System. Planning and systems development will proceed.
- Funding will not be available for trauma centers and therefore no reason to go forward with designation and regulation
- We have taken the comments from the trauma plan and some working group ideas and set up several strategies to start system development
- Continue to work with partners in the community for funding and designation. Copies of the 2002-2005 Arizona EMS and Trauma System 3/02 Plan Feedback and Actions Summary are available for you today
- The governor has set-up the Nursing Shortage Task Force to look at potential mechanisms to relieve the nursing shortage in Arizona and the issues involving hospital diversion is a major issue.

- Senate Bill 1400 Bioterrorism is looking at defining the states authority in case of a major outbreak.

## **XII. REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS**

- A. Central** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. EMS Odyssey 2002 will be held on June 13 – 14, 2002. Early bird deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Southern** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The committee that has been formed under the auspices of the Mayor's office the final report is due to them by April 30, 2002. Working hard on changing protocols and training out in the field. The facilities are now going to see patients they have seen before. Due to the fact that we now have one trauma center we may lose patients and they may see patients that they are not capable of taking care of.
- C. Western** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
- D. Northern**- A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.

## **XIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Rose Conner stated that Dr. Sucher has been appointed by the Director as the Acting Medical Director for the Bureau of EMS. The plan is to have Dr. Sucher stay in the role as Acting Medical Director and then the Director will announce what the process is for establishing the formal process for the finding a permanent Medical Director. Dr. Sucher has been appointed as the Medical Director for the Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Grant.

## **XIV. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Education Committee has established a Task Force to look at equipment for training programs if anybody is interested please talk to Howard Schwartz.
- Brochures are available for a Forensic Medical Investigation – A Comprehensive Review one in Wichita, Kansas on November 7 – 10 and Scottsdale, Az on June 20 – 23, 2002.
- Phoenix College graduated 20 students and they are nationally certified
- The Fast and the Feisty (Pediatric and Geriatric) Conference on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Tucson Hilton East. The fee is \$30.00 per person

## **XV. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held June 21, 2002

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Approved by EMS Council on 6/21/02